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Feb 24, 1998

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5721763 A

TITLE: Method for providing information during a chat session

BSPR:

Many on-line computer services offer their subscribers the opportunity to meet anonymously and converse by sharing text files with each other. A subscriber logged into an on-line computer service can choose from a variety of "chat rooms" (i.e., groups of other computer users) that are sharing text files about a particular subject of interest. Upon entering a particular chat room, the subscriber may choose to have a private or "side bar" conversation with one or more other subscribers within the same chat room. Each side bar conversation is private from the standpoint that the conversation is separate from the ongoing conversation within the chat room itself. In other words, each private conversation between two or more subscribers is essentially a new chat room.

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File: USPT

Jul 2, 1996

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5533110 A

TITLE: Human machine interface for telephone feature invocation

DEPR:

As shown in FIG. 7A, a sidebar area 33 of the conference icon can be used as a separate conference region. The user Debbie can drag any of the icons representing the conferees in to the sidebar area, and the application software program is thus instructed to establish a private connection between the parties (e.g. Debbie and Mary as shown), leaving the remaining party John on hold. Debbie can now drag any of the icons between the sidebar area and the main part of the conference icon, placing any of the parties into a private conversation or into a conference, with the remaining parties on hold.